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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: N. NAGAFUCHI et al.  
Serial No.: 10/765,858  
Filed: January 29, 2004  
For: A POWER PLANT OPERATION CONTROL SYSTEM AND A  
POWER PLANT MAINTAINING AND MANAGING METHOD  
Group: 2125  
Examiner: S. Shechtman

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 15, 2006

Sir:

Prior to examination and in response to the Final Office Action dated  
September 29, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.